(b) to (d) Raitonalisation is the interest of consunmers. The final amendment of neat and escalation of prices of meat overall policy of nberalisation

Avilablity of meat *products* in Delhi

6228. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSU-KIER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRI-BUTION be pleased to state:

(ft) whether there is a heavy shortage of meat and esealatibn of prices of meet, chicken and eggs in Delhi, following the High Court's orders restricting slaughter that the Idgah abattoir; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to make available meat products at re-sonable rates? ,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC •DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED); (a) Following the Orders of Delhi High Court and subsequent strike by butchers in Delhi, meat has become scarce and prices of checken has gone up. Prices of eggs were reported to be steady during January—March, 1994.

<*b)* Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that the Delhi High Court has ordered that the slaughter house at Idgah shall be closed from 31-12-93 and a 'new modern slaughter house be constructed before that date.

MCD appealed for extension of time to the High Court Meanwhile The High Court has ordered that the slaughter house must be closed but if it continues for any reasons whatsoever, MCD should restrict to slaughtering of 2000 sheeps and goats and 500 buffaloes. MCD has reported that construction of new slaughter house in Alwar (Rajasthan) has taken a final shape and will take some time to

come up This will take care of export
Stualdevebt doinedtic requirements of Delhi.
f necessary.

Functioning of Consumer Courts

6299. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CON-SUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DIS-TRIUTION be pleased to refer the. answer to *U*nstared Question 3601 give n in the Rajya Sabha on 18.4.94 and to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the, newsitem captioned "Consumer Courts Conformed Confusion" in Indian Express dated 25-3-94 regarding functioning of Consumer Courts; and

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereto and steps conteplated to renove the administrative and other problems of these courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED); (a) Yes, Sir

(b) According to information sent by Delhi State Goernment, the two District Forums, in Delhi have been provided with ail the snctioned posts, adequate funds, accommodation and infrastructure like photocopiers, duplicators, typewriters and sufficient furniture.

Supply of essentia] commodities to the backward areas of M.P.

6230. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRTJBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of essntial commodities in rural and bickward areas of Madhya Pradesh for the last three to four months;

(b) if so, whether the State Govern-jBflnt has requested the Central Government to enhance the supply of essential commodities to that State;

(c) if to, the steps taken by Central Government in this regard and

(d) have *much* esaintial comodities have been increasd to that state for the three months?